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Elena Paoli, Staff Attorney
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: In the Matter of Westar Energy, Inc.
MUR 5573

Dear Ms. Paoli:

By this letter, we are requesting on behalf of Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") an extension of time within which to decide on whether to enter into conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause. We are requesting an extension to and including December 3, 2004.

Before describing the reasons we are requesting this enlargement of time, we want to assure you that Westar is genuinely interested in resolving this matter as quickly as possible during the pre-probable cause stage. As we have explained both orally and in writing, the new management at Westar wants to expeditiously resolve all pending legal issues and to return to their basic core energy business. As we noted yesterday, Westar has already put prophylactic measures in place to assure no future legal difficulties in the federal or state election area.

We received notice of your Factual and Legal Analysis along with the proposed Conciliation Agreement on October 28, 2004. Our normally allotted response time of 15 calendar days would expire on Monday, November 15, 2004.

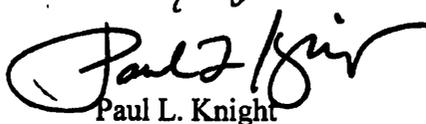
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